



**The California Tribal Water  
Summit Planning Team**  
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Honorable Tribal Leaders and Council Members.

The California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team, in collaboration with the California Natural Resources Agency, formally invite you to a historic and unprecedented statewide California Tribal Water Summit on November 4 and 5, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. Your participation is critical to the success of the Summit.

The Summit's theme is "Protect Our Sacred Water." The Summit will provide an opportunity for the highest tribal and State government officials to ensure that the water access, use, and priorities of native peoples and nations are recognized and well preserved in California's strategic water planning efforts. The Summit includes all California Native American Tribes, both federally recognized and non-federally recognized. Around 200 participants are expected to attend the event. Key areas will include: tribal water rights; water as a sustainable cultural resource; rivers, dams, and fish; institutions (e.g., access to State bond funding); and watersheds (e.g., groundwater, floodplains, meadows).

Proceedings from the Summit will be published as a stand-alone document, and also incorporated in the California Water Plan Update 2009, which provides a framework for the water policy decisions of tribal, federal, State, and local governments well into the future.

We strongly encourage you and your council members to participate and make the Summit a turning point in the history of tribal engagement in water issues and planning in California. We expect to have senior State officials and leaders at the Summit. We ask that the chair and/or council members attend on behalf of your Tribe. Please return the registration form as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the Tribal Water Summit, please contact Ron Goode, Chairman, North Fork Mono Tribe, at (559) 355-1774 or [eagleeye@cvip.net](mailto:eagleeye@cvip.net). You may also contact Barbara Cross, Government and Community Liaison, Office of the Director, California Department of Water Resources, at (916) 653-5150 or [bcross@water.ca.gov](mailto:bcross@water.ca.gov). We look forward to your participation at this event.

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